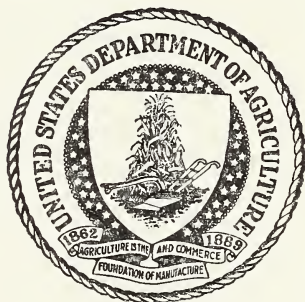


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD.

C. L. MARLATT, Chairman; W. A. ORTON, GEO. B. SUDWORTH, D. B. GUNTER, KARL F. KELLERMAN,
R. C. ALTHORSE, Secretary.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE
MOVEMENT OF COTTON AND COTTON SEED
FROM MEXICO INTO THE UNITED STATES AND
GOVERNING THE ENTRY INTO THE UNITED
STATES OF RAILWAY CARS AND OTHER VEHI-
CLES, FREIGHT, EXPRESS, BAGGAGE OR OTHER
MATERIALS FROM MEXICO AT BORDER POINTS.**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

By virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by law, I, D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, do prescribe the following rules and regulations to be in force and effect from and including the 1st day of July, 1917, for the purpose of preventing the establishment in Texas, or any other State, of the pink boll worm of cotton which exists in Mexico.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Washington, D. C., this 23d day of June, 1917.

[SEAL.]

D. F. HOUSTON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

REGULATIONS.

Regulation 1. Examination of passengers' baggage.

Such examination of passengers' baggage or other personal effects shall be made by inspectors of the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the customs service, at ports of entry on the Mexican border, as may be necessary to prevent the accidental or other carriage of cotton or cotton seed therewith and all baggage or other personal effects found contaminated with cotton or cotton seed shall be disinfected or freed from such contamination to the satisfaction of such inspectors and customs officers before entry thereof is permitted.

Regulation 2. Disinfection of freight, express, and other shipments.

All freight, express, and other shipments from Mexico, except cars and contents covered in the first proviso to regulation 3, and merchandise or other materials covered by the proviso to regulation 4 which do not, in the judgment of the inspector of the Department of Agriculture, require disinfection, shall be disinfected, or, in the case of living plants or animals, cleaned or disinfected, under the supervision of an inspector of the Department of Agriculture in accordance with the directions of the Federal Horticultural Board.

Regulation 3. Restrictions on entry of cars from Mexico.

No cars, including freight, express, refrigerator, box, or other cars conveying merchandise or other materials from Mexico, will be permitted to enter the United States except as hereinafter provided, and the transfer from such prohibited cars of freight, express, or other shipments for entry into the United States must be made on the Mexican side: *Provided*, That tank cars and cars which can be shown to the satisfaction of an inspector of the Department of

Agriculture to be free from contamination with cotton or cotton seed and not to have been at any time in proximity to sources of pink boll worm infestation, and the contents of which can be shown to be unrelated to cotton, cotton seed, cottonseed cake, meal, and other cottonseed products, and to have originated in districts remote from pink boll worm infestation, may be permitted under certification to enter the United States and proceed to destination therein: *Provided further*, That loaded cars other than those covered in the proviso immediately preceding, may, on approval of the Federal Horticultural Board, be permitted to enter transfer yards in the United States immediately adjacent to the border for transfer of merchandise under such conditions of disinfection or cleaning as may be required by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture. Such cars, except those mentioned in the fourth proviso hereof, are prohibited entry into the interior of the United States, and must be returned to the Mexican side promptly after unloading, unless permission is granted by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture for their being temporarily held for the purpose of receiving merchandise destined for Mexico: *And provided further*, That empty cars certified by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture as free from cotton seed may, under such conditions of disinfection as may be required by such inspector, be admitted to the immediately adjacent transfer yards in the United States for the purpose of receiving merchandise for immediate return to Mexico, and, correspondingly, domestic cars passing from the United States to the Mexican transfer yards immediately adjacent to the border to receive freight and express or other shipments transferred from Mexican cars will be permitted to reenter the United States under certification and such conditions of disinfection as may be required by such inspector; *And provided further*, That domestic cars entering the United States under the second and third provisos hereof may be certified for movement into the interior of the United States subject to such additional cleaning and disinfection as may be required by such inspector.

Regulation 4. Certification of cars and freight, express, and other materials.

No railway cars included in the provisos to regulation 3 nor other vehicles carrying merchandise or other materials, and no freight, express, or other materials from Mexico shall be allowed to enter the United States until such cars or other vehicles, and such freight, express, or other materials have been certified for entry by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture: *Provided*, That merchandise or other materials originating in or near the Mexican port opposite the United States port of entry, which, in the judgment of the inspector of the Department of Agriculture, convey no risk of carriage of the pink boll worm, may be passed without certification or disinfection.

Regulation 5. Cleaning required of domestic cars handling Mexican freight.

All domestic cars, prior to receiving at border ports freight, express, or other shipments originating in Mexico, shall be thoroughly freed from all cotton seed, and such seed shall be promptly burned under the supervision of an inspector of the Department of Agriculture.

Regulation 6. States of Sonora and Lower California, Mexico, exempt from these regulations.

The foregoing regulations shall not apply to railway cars or other carriers or to baggage or other personal effects, freight, express, or other shipments originating in and shipped directly from the States of Sonora and Lower California, Mexico.

The department now has under consideration regulations governing the entry of cottonseed cake, meal, oil, and other cottonseed products originating in Mexico, which it is expected will be promulgated in the near future. Compliance with such regulations, as well as with the foregoing, will be required.



